

Board MeetingMarch 8, 2022.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Charles A. Thayer, Chairman
Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member
Dr. Bryan Bagdasian, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant
Executive Director, Daniel Ross, Daniel Syriala, Brian McCracken, Kevin
Duquette, Michelle Borrello, Michele Bousquet

Others Present: Mike Hugo, Diane Heath, Peter Richer

1. Motion: By Dr. Thayer to approve February Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

2. Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board's review:

Daniel Syriala reported everything is going well and he is starting to get busy with inspections. There is nothing out of the ordinary.

Daniel Ross reported everything is going well. He is getting a lot of no heat calls and many nuisance calls regarding trash issues.

Brian McCracken stated he has been doing regular routine inspections. He has not received any complaints over the past month. Eileen North has done a pre-inspection for a new food establishment called Brazil for You which should be opening soon. Brian also reported that some businesses still have not submitted their food permit applications.

3. Public Health Nurse Monthly Report

Michelle Borrello reported things are winding down a little bit. She has seen an increase in Lyme disease and the flu. Dr. Thayer suggested there should be an education on lyme disease since it is endemic in our community. Heather stated she could reach out to the Mayor's office to put something about lyme disease on the City of Taunton's homepage. The Mayor, Covid Coordinator and herself went to 3 mobile home parks and gave away free COVID test kits as well as information on COVID and the flu. The vaccine clinic at Northwoods will be ending March 31, 2022. Thirty of the forty-one state testing sites will be closing down. The closest test sites to Taunton are in Randolph and New Bedford. In the future Michelle and the COVID Coordinator will be setting up at Trucchi's and Hanafords to distribute more COVID test kits.

4. Assistant Executive Director Monthly Report

Adam Vickstrom reported that he continues to work on renewals for both tanning and body art. He went out and did an inspection at Maria's Skincare. The owner of the establishment went

before the Board a few months ago for cosmetic tattooing. All of her paperwork is in order and has a few minor things to adjust inside the establishment. She would like to open up April 1st.

5. Executive Director Monthly Report

Heather Gallant reported that everything is going well. She submitted a budget request for fiscal year 2023 to City Hall. The budget had to be cut by 10% from fiscal year 2022's budget. Next week she will be meeting with the Chief Financial Officer and Budget Director. She stated the Board of Health gets by with only what is needed and she appreciates everyone's support.

6. Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill Updates:

- a. Kevin Duquette reported that there was a public meeting about the potential gasification at the landfill for people with questions of the proposed project. There has been no complaints or issues at the landfill that he can report.
- b. Waste Management – Peter Richer stated they continue to bring in more soil to satisfy the final grade at the top of the landfill and along the side slopes. In early May a contractor is scheduled to re-mobilize the soil and capping will resume. They have been in communication with the DPW and will schedule a meeting to talk about the transition during post closure. Peter reported everything is normal and there are no operating concerns.
- c. Fortistar- There was no representative present. Peter Richer was able to report that about a month ago Fortistar made significant gas improvements by installing more wells and laterals. This needed to be done in advance to the final capping construction.

b. Western Bristol County Tobacco Prevention Collaborative – Updates

Diane Heath stated she has been in the area doing inspections and pricing surveys. In the near future she will be doing compliance checks with their underage buyers.

c. Miscellaneous- none

7. New Business

a. Discussion of fine for businesses operating without a permit or license

Heather Gallant wanted to make the Board aware that there are businesses operating without a permit. Late notices have been sent out with no response back. The inspectors in the office are proposing that there should be a \$20 fine for each day that a business is operating without a permit. Heather will be meeting with the Law Department to come up with a more detailed draft of what the consequences will be for a business operating without a permit for the Board to review.

8. Communications:

a. **Miscellaneous - none**

9. Any Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance-

Mike Hugo, Policy Director of MAHB, joined the meeting today to discuss the Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services. The Board of Health was awarded this grant which will be shared with surrounding communities that will provide a public health nurse, an inspector, a community health worker/health educator/epidemiologist position and a shared services coordinator. A statement of commitment will need to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the Mayor.

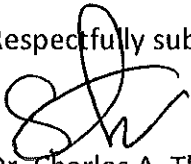
Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

Motion: By Dr. Charles Thayer to have the next meeting April 5, 2022. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

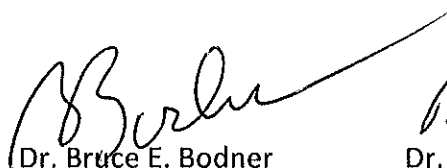
The next monthly board meeting will be April 5th, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles A. Thayer
Chairman



Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member



Dr. Bryan Bagdasian
Board Member